

# HEIGHTS WEST

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NEWSLETTER

## **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

### **HOLIDAY PRAYER**

As we enter into this very special season, this happy holiday season, where celebrate Christmas, Ramadan, Hanukkah and Kwanza, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our community, those that practice the faiths of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism, all faiths that believe in a Great Spirit, to first remember that there is a piece of this Spirit in each of us. To also give praise and thanks to this Spirit, that we as a Nation, regardless of the attacks against us, will continue to celebrate our diversities in peace. And finally, to also give thanks to this Spirit for giving us the opportunity to share with our family and friends this holiday season. To all members of our community, Ohm-Shanti, Shanti, Shanti-Ohm, Shalom and Amen. Peace and happiness. Your neighbors - Pete Bolds (President), Nancy MacNaughton, Tim Daponte (Vice-President) and Tony Ercolani (Secretary)

### **EDITORIAL - CIGARETTE SMOKE**

Do you smoke cigarettes ? Do you know anybody that does? Second Hand Smoke also called Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is classified as a Group A Carcinogen by the EPA. So is Asbestos - think about it. ETS kills 53,000 non smoking Americans yearly, is the third leading cause of preventable death, is 30 times more dangerous than all other regulated carcinogens by the EPA. For every 8 smokers who die of smoking, 1 non-smoker dies also. ETS causes 30 times as many lung cancers as all regulated air pollutants combined. Over 43 chemicals in ETS are known carcinogens. Also, over 3500 children die each year from ETS. 2000 of these are attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrom. Just siting is the non-smoking section of a restaurant for over an hour is like smoking 1 1/2 cigarettes. If you go to a smoky bar for two hours, it's the same as smoking nearly four cigarettes. If you work in that bar for 8 hours it is the same as smoking a pack a day. Think that's bad? Bingo halls have levels 3 times higher than bars. Bar tenders have rates of lung cancer higher than firefighters and miners. Employees exposed to ETS on the job are 34% more likely to get lung cancer. Finally, it cost about 2 cents to make a pack of cigarettes. The rest goes for taxes and profit to the tobacco industry. Every day, because of deaths and people quitting, the tobacco executives need an additional 3000 Americans to start smoking to maintain their current level of profits. Come to our January meeting for a handout. Want to give your family and yourself a GREAT Christmas present? **STOP SMOKING AND ENCOURAGE THOSE THAT SMOKE TO STOP.**

### **HEIGHTS WEST CRIME STATS**

Remaining will be updated in our January newsletter. For info on crime stats, email our Officer, Carol Trautwein her address is ctraut2@aol.com.

### **DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT**

And shop at the stores that supported us. They are **OCTOBER GALLERY**. They are located at 244 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St., **Adkins Architectural Antiques and Treasures**. They are located at 3515 Fannin St., **Another Place in Time**. They are located on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Tulane and **Doug and Don's Barber Shop**. They are located at 219 E 11<sup>th</sup>

## **SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS**

MONTH  
Jan

SPEAKER  
Sylvia Garcia - City Controller

### **WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK**

Thanks to those that gave me feedback. For the person that called about how we get our speakers, every attempt was made to ask all credible candidates to speak. In some cases the first to respond was the one that we asked. In other cases, only one person accepted our invitation. That was the case with Mr. Berry. Thanks also for the comments about the Historical Ordinance and new construction in the Heights. Your comments help us provide suggestions to our council members. There are several major issues that could affect the Heights in the near future. I would like to get your feedback on them. 1. The Historical Ordinance. 2. The building of town-homes vs' single family dwellings. How do you feel about it? Are you in favor of or against? Voice your opinion about these or anything that concerns you. Come to our next meeting or email me at upan52@yahoo.com or call me at (713) 862-1147.

### **ELECTIONS**

On behalf of Tim Daponte, Vice President, Tony Ercolani, Secretary and myself, Peter Bolds, your President, we want to thank all of you for your support. We also want to wish all of you the happiest of holidays. Remember, we all work free of charge because we want to make our neighborhood a better place to live. So, get involved. Only you can make the HWHG a success. Note: If you have ideas or suggestions or would like to voice your opinion, email them to Peter Bolds at upan52@yahoo.com or Tony Ercolani at anthonyercolani@realtor.com. You can also drop them off at 1147 Tulane.

### **HANDY E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBERS**

Crime Stats go to 2A30 at:

[www.ci.houston.tx.us/departments/police/central.htm](http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/departments/police/central.htm)

Sex offenders' web site:

<http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/soSearch.cfm>

Help for Seniors:

[www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)

Malfunctioning Traffic light call: 713-837-0600

Complaint Line to report Drug Activity

281-405-3673 (713-4NO DOPE)

### **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

1. Boarded up or burned out houses, non-drivable junk cars in driveways, heavy duty trash in the street **WAY BEFORE** heavy duty trash day or an illegal activity contact HPD at 713-222-3131. Help make your neighborhood friendly, active and responsible.
2. \$15.00/quarter to advertise in HWHG newsletter, & \$5/yr dues for Seniors.
3. Block captains needed to deliver our news letter. If you can, please let us know. We make home delivery only once a quarter.

Remember: During the holidays -> Don't drink and drive, wear sun screen, empty any container with standing water (to curb reproduction of mosquitoes!!) and don't forget to recycle cans, junk mail, #1 & #2 plastic containers. Be kind to our environment. A happy and safe 2002 to you, your family, and neighbors (us)!



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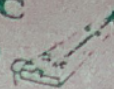
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